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Applicant: Cary Lee Bates et al.

Art Unit: 3626

Serial No.: 09/553,010

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For: LOCATION-BASED VEHICLE RISK ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 8, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are provided:

AmendmentsIn the Claims

Please cancel claims 10-12, 14-16, and 27-28 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 17, and 29 to read as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A method of conducting an economic transaction associated with rental of a vehicle over a period of time, the method comprising:

(a) tracking the location of the vehicle during at least a portion of the period of time associated with the rental, including detecting that the vehicle is located at a location having an increased level of risk; and

(b) adjusting a cost associated with the economic transaction associated with the rental at least in part based on the location of the vehicle at the location having the increased level of risk.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**GROUP 3600**

1. ☒ Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response.
2. ☐ Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Enclosed is a verified statement to establish Small Entity status
- ☒ Other than a Small Entity

3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CALCULATION OF FEES

Fee:	Number of Claims After Amendment:		Previously Paid For:	No. Extra:	At Rate:	Amount:
Total Claims	22	minus	30	0	\$18	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	minus	5	0	\$84	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					\$280	\$0.00
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIMS:						\$0.00

- ☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

4. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____ for additional claims.
☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of \$_____.

5. **The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply. Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.**

- ☐ (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

	<u>Ext. Mos.</u>	<u>Large entity</u>	<u>Small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$1,450.00	\$ 725.00
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\$ _____

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid thereof of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Extension fee due with this request \$_____.

OR

- ☒ (b) **Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.**

6. ☒ **If any additional fee for claims or extension of time is required, charge Account No. 23-3000.**

Respectfully submitted,

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